## Senate GOP welcomes 79th

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## Senate Republicans welcome 79th Legislative Session Focus on transportation, PERS & meaningful solutions

SALEM-Today, Senate Republicans	offered the following	statements v	welcoming the	79th Le	gislative
	Session:				

Senate Republican Leader Ted Ferrioli, of John Day, said:

"This session presents tremendous opportunity to craft sound policy solutions to strengthen our state for urban and rural Oregonians. We must address the significant issues facing our transportation problems and advance sound solutions to protect Oregonians' from increased costs and burdens."

Central Oregon Republican state Sen. Tim Knopp said:

"By overhauling PERS we will protect current and future retirees and taxpayers. We have the opportunity to renovate our housing policy to alleviate the problems plaguing vulnerable Oregonians and the opportunity to produce meaningful change that will expand growth and prosperity in our state."

Salem Republican state Sen. Jackie Winters said:

"Constitutionally we are here to balance the budget and while it isn't easy, our challenge is to work together, to improve the lives of Oregonians."

New to the Senate, state Sen. Alan DeBoer, of Ashland, said:

"We are honored to serve Oregonians and we look forward to addressing the challenges facing our state with optimism and diligence."

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